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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT : Robert RICHARD
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THERAPEUTIC ON A MEDICAL DEVICE
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

SIR:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination in the above-referenced Application. Following entry of the Amendments set forth in the §1.116 After Final Amendment filed June 5, 2003, and preliminary to further examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows and consider the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

C1
1. (Twice amended) A method of coating a metallic medical device comprising:
interfacing a therapeutic with a supercritical fluid; and
transferring the therapeutic from the supercritical fluid to the medical device.

C2
12. (Twice amended) A method of coating a metallic medical device comprising:
placing the medical device in a coating chamber;
coating the medical device;
interfacing a therapeutic with a supercritical fluid; and
exposing the coating to the supercritical fluid.